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Eagles black out Racers



Kenneth Faried hugs Demonte Harper after the 75-65 victory over OVC rival Murray State at MSU's black out game last weekend at Johnson Arena. Read more on page 6.

Law class will be magical

ALLI COLLIS—
MANAGING EDITOR

Ever wish school was a little more magical? In spring 2011 Kelly Collinsworth, assistant professor of legal studies, is giving students that option by offering the class Harry Potter and the Law. Students will connect aspects of the Harry Potter series to laws that stand today.

Collinsworth said a large portion of the class would cover government structure. In the Harry Potter books the Ministry of Magic serves as all three of the magical world's government branches — executive, legislative, and judicial. Students will discuss the effectiveness of this system compared to a system that operates on a separation of powers. Students also will look at crime and punishment in Harry Potter and compare it to how things are handled in the U.S.

The class will cover the similarities between Hogwarts and law school, Collinsworth said.

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Chynna Bozeman scored 21 points in the 74-65 win over Murray State last Saturday.

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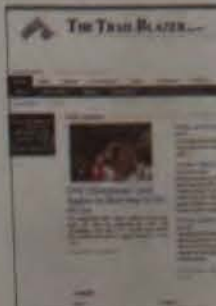


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Event coordinator keeps busy

EMILY HURD—
STAFF WRITER

Planning to attend homecoming, a sorority or fraternity function, or maybe take a younger sibling to trick-or-treat with the Eagles at Morehead State University? If so, you're likely to see Rebecca McGinnis, MSU's Conference Services manager, flitting about to ensure everything is running smoothly. McGinnis is responsible for scheduling and coordinating events at MSU. Caterers, custodians, moving crews, groundskeepers, and police officers are some of the people McGinnis works with as she organizes upcoming campus events.

"Imagine a circle with me at the center, and everyone I have to notify about upcoming events at the sides," McGinnis says. "Lacklily, I have a software system to help me keep up with this task."

McGinnis says she attends the events to ensure their success, and being a people person

is an essential quality for the job.

McGinnis says she especially likes planning summer programs, such as athletic camps, Upward

some of the older youth to choose Morehead as their college."

McGinnis says she relishes the challenge of planning large oc-

child abuse," she says. "I admired him because he was able to use his negative experience to help others in a positive way."

"Not all events are successful, because there are some emergencies you can't plan for," McGinnis says.

She remembers a class reunion in the Laughlin building lobby when there was an unexpected rainstorm that flooded the building. The tables, chairs, and food had to be moved.

She laughs about it now, but says it wasn't funny then.

McGinnis says her job is rewarding but it also can be frustrating. She recalls when she and her staff planned for 150 people only to learn a few hours before the event that only 48 were attending.

Once an event is over, McGinnis often gives the staff a token of her appreciation. It may be something as simple as a thank-you card, or she may fix brownies for them, since she likes to cook.

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Rebecca McGinnis, left, plans an event with Ashlee Campton.

Bound, and insight, because of the interaction with students.

"I can see the children's faces light up the first time they visit campus," McGinnis says. "I like knowing I may have influenced

casions, such as graduation and homecoming. However, her favorite events are those where she gets to meet interesting people.

"I once met a guest speaker who wrote a book about his

Resist holiday food temptations

Goal of Wellness Center Challenge was to maintain weight over Thanksgiving.

LANA BELLAMY—
STAFF WRITER

MSU's Wellness Center is encouraging students and faculty to maintain healthy bodies this holiday season by providing a weight maintenance challenge that requires participants to stay active.

The Holiday Weight Maintenance Challenge held its first

weigh-in the first week of November and will end with a final weigh-in the week of December 17. The objective of the challenge was to not gain any weight over the Thanksgiving holidays. Those who maintain their weight receive a prize after the final weigh-in.

Wellness Center Assistant Director Stephanie Evans, with the help of fellow staff members, organized the challenge in order to keep Wellness Center members focused and on track with their weight.

Evans said she understands that the holidays are hard for people who are watching their weight because people are going to holiday celebrations with family and friends all throughout November

and December.

"It's hard to do any type of weight-loss venture during those times," Evans said. "We decided to do weight maintenance and that way it just keeps people on the same track they're on right now and there's no pressure to say 'Oh, I've got to lose weight. I've got to lose 10 pounds.'"

Evans said that the Weight Maintenance Challenge would allow participants to enjoy small splurges during the holidays, as long as everything is done in moderation.

When developing plans for the Holiday Weight Maintenance challenge, Evans said she drew from past experiences for inspiration.

"To come up with this challenge, I thought, 'What is going to be the biggest challenge for myself and for other people?'" Evans said. "And the goal through the holidays was to not lose because it's just too difficult with all the parties."

The goal is just to "maintain," Evans said if people set seemingly impossible goals for themselves during this time of year and fail, they will most likely want to give up, making them gain weight instead.

"If we can just keep people around their weight and keep them working out, then that's what we need to do. It's too hard to lose

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during the holidays, so it was obvious what we needed to do," Evans said. The challenge has garnered huge interest, Evans said. Nearly 100 faculty, staff, and students have signed up. Although the final weigh-in doesn't begin until December 17, Evans expects many positive results. Since the Holiday Weight Maintenance Challenge has been such a hit with Wellness Center members, Evans said she plans to continue hosting it annually. "The support we've got from faculty and staff is something that we'll play on every year," Evans said. Senior Ashley Adkins said, "I think it's a good program because it places emphasis on maintaining a healthy weight, which is a big problem in the U.S. right now." Freshman Cheliesa Freeman said, "I think it's a good thing because it will

get people motivated. Fitness is one thing that is really bad on campuses, especially our university in general." Evans said the rules and regulations of the challenge are subject to change for the upcoming years, depending on the results of the final weigh-in. All participants who maintained and lost weight will receive awards, Evans said. "For those who lose

weight, we'll have a special prize for them because we know that's hard. For the ones who maintain their weight, we're looking at T-shirts," Evans said. We're not exactly sure yet, but they will get something!" Evans plans to continue monthly challenges throughout the year, beginning with a weight-loss challenge when classes resume in January. The challenges are exclusive to Wellness Center members.

Evans said, "Our goal at the Wellness Center with these monthly challenges is to just keep people motivated, to keep people healthy, and to keep them striving to make changes for a healthy lifestyle."

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"When a lot of people thank me for my work, I want to show the staff how much I appreciate them," she says. Along with being the Conference Services manager for the past 16 years, McGinnis is a wife, mother and sports enthusiast. Before this job, she worked in MSU's education program. When she started college, McGinnis says she wanted to be a nurse because she wanted a career where she could help people. However, she quickly learned

that the medical profession wasn't for her. She received a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's in adult education with an emphasis on counseling from Morehead State University. She says she is putting her business degree to good use. "Instead of selling a product, I'm selling the campus I graduated from," McGinnis says. "I like my career now. No day is ever the same as the one before, and I like it that way."

MAGICAL

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sworth said. Like Hogwarts, law school is very competitive and professors use the Socratic Method. Students will discuss family interactions and money use in the magical world compared to the world in which U.S. citizens live. Collinsworth said she got the idea for the class from a book discussing Harry Potter and the law, and thought it would be a great class topic. On Nov. 18, the day the newest Harry Potter movie was released, Collinsworth tested out the idea on her classes by having a "Harry Potter Day." She allowed her students to dress up as characters from the series, and the

classes played games. Students also made connections between Harry Potter and relevant class topics. Because this test day went well, Collinsworth decided to offer the entire class in the spring. The class will be set up in a fun format, Collinsworth said. Students will be sorted into different houses, just as Hogwarts students are. "I'd like them [students] to have fun, enjoy learning, and critically analyze the legal system," Collinsworth said. Students interested in the class do not have to be paralegal studies majors, and must go to the central office in Rader Hall to sign up.



Students perform skits during Tuesday Night Live's Christmas special this week at the Baptist Christian Ministry's center on campus.



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You, fans do the "Beaker Dance" during the second half of the Blackout game.

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EDITORIAL

Time to give gaming a chance

By early next month a Kentucky judge is expected to rule on whether Instant Racing is legal in the state. The slot-machine-like game allows players to use a machine to bet on previously run races.

The motion declaring the game legal was filed by a group of Kentucky horse racing tacks and regulators, who want to make sure the machines are legal before they implement them. They say that Instant Racing is legal under Kentucky law because the bets are made between players, not against the house.

Early in the case the judge, Thomas Wingate, ruled to allow The Family Foundation of Kentucky to intervene in the case to oppose the game. The foundation, which opposes expanded gambling, is arguing that the game is illegal because the game has a predetermined outcome.

Instant Racing does not pose any real threat to Kentuckians; it is simply another alternative for generating revenue. The state already has lost a substantial amount of tax money to surrounding states by continuing to ban organized gambling, and Instant Racing is a more than fair compromise for those who oppose gambling as being immoral. Betting on horse races is a tradition in Kentucky, and it has never been banned despite the state's general opposition to gambling. Instant Racing is a modern way to expand on that tradition and open up a new way for the state to make money.

Tough economic times have had a severe negative impact on Kentucky, and the state needs to embrace new ideas to make money. If every economic plan that conflicts with conservative ideals is stonewalled then Kentucky is going to have a long road to recovery.

Notable Quote

"In the old days, it was not called the Holiday Season; the Christians called it 'Christmas' and went to church; the Jews called it 'Hanukkah' and went to synagogue; the atheists went to parties and drank. People passing each other on the street would say 'Merry Christmas!' or 'Happy Hanukkah!' or (to the atheists) 'Look out for the wall!'"

-Dave Barry



HAPPY FINALS WEEK.

VIEWPOINTS

Sports editor says farewell



CLAYTON AKERS
-
Sports Editor

As some of you know, this is my last semester at the Trail Blazer and for this commentary I have decided to reflect on my time here at Morehead State University.

First of all, I want to say I have truly enjoyed my time here in Morehead. I began my college career at a community college. In my two and a half years here I have created many friendships that I will carry with me for the rest of my life. I'm going to miss all of you.

In my five semesters working at the Trail Blazer, as a staff writer and later as Sports Editor, I have gotten to meet and interview many interesting people. I want to say thank you to all the players, coaches

and faculty and staff who graciously agreed to interviews. I appreciate you being patient through the good questions and the bad questions.

I have written a few news articles in my time here, but everyone knows how much I enjoy writing and telling about sports. Some may not see any enjoyment standing going to games day after day and sometimes standing in freezing temperatures taking photos, but I couldn't see myself doing anything else.

Next, I would like to thank all the readers. I do appreciate your readership, the kind words you have sent through emails, and those you came up and told me in person. I can't express how much I appreciate you readers, because as a journalist I do what I do for you.

Finally, I'm going to miss all of you at the Trail Blazer.

To Logan:
You have done a great job as editor of The Trail

Blazer this semester and it has been a pleasure working with you. I have to say having you in charge has brought a fun atmosphere to the Trail Blazer and we have become a close-knit group. I'm proud to say you're one of my best friends and don't forget "Nerf wars alive" next semester.

To Alli:
Over the past two semesters we have really bonded. I'm going to miss talking sports and movies with you in the office, but I ask of one thing of you. Please watch some of the classic movies we talked about like "The Graduate," "Dog Day Afternoon," and "It's a Wonderful Life." You don't know what you're missing and I still can't believe you didn't know who Jimmy Stewart was. Oh yea, and I want you to write some sports next semester I will be checking online.

To Courtney:
We have become good friends over the past two years and I'm going to

miss you. Before I forget tell you the Yankees suck.

To the Adam and Aliasha,

I'm going to miss all the fun times we had in the office. You are the life and the fun of the office. Good luck to the both of you next semester.

To Cody:
You were the first person I got to know in Morehead when we met through the Trail Blazer in the Fall 2008. Since then we have become best friends and I'm really going miss you. I never thought a Bengal and Steeler fan could coexist.

To Our Adviser Joan Atkins:

You have helped me become a better writer since I have been here. I really am thankful for all that you have done for me and will miss our sports and movie chats.

I guess this is it. In the words of the late Don Meredith, "Turnout the lights — the parties over."

Be part of the discussion

The Trail Blazer welcomes reader responses. Letters should be 400 words or less and signed. Addresses and telephone numbers should be included (for verification purposes only). Letters must be received in Room 317 Breckinridge Hall or emailed to editor@trailblazeronline.net by 4 p.m. Friday for the next week's publication.

The Trail Blazer reserves the right to edit letters for purposes of clarity, brevity and legal considerations.

Shelter law too ambitious



LOGAN TODD
-
Editor

Kentucky's 2004 law requiring animal shelters to meet basic standards of care has been less than effective, according to the Animal Legal Defense Fund, who is suing Clay County for non-compliance with the law.

According to the lawsuit, the Clay County animal shelter has left sick or injured puppies to die without euthanizing or treating them, and has not been providing the animals with clean food or water.

The primary problem here is the law itself. It designates the State Animal Control Board to award grants for shelter improvement, but does not give the board the authority to

inspect the status of any animal shelters. They have awarded \$2 million in grants, but without being able to inspect shelters they do not know where the money is most needed.

The law lays out very strict guidelines for the shelters to adhere to, but does not specifically set aside any money for monitoring the guidelines. All this law really does is set up the shelters to get sued for non-compliance, and

then scramble to make improvements with very little money.

This is certainly a necessary law, and it would greatly improve Kentucky's animal shelters, but without the proper backing it cannot achieve what it was meant to do. It would be more beneficial for the legislature to pass a law that was feasible and could be expanded later on, when there is enough money to make it work.

CAMPUS COMMENT

What are you going to do over winter break?



Brandon Begley
Senior
University
Studies
Cincinnati, Ohio.

"I'm going to stay here and try to find a job, then go home for the holidays."



Arielle Ross
Sophomore
Production
Louisia

"I'm going to go paintballing in Lexington."



Derek O'Neal
Senior
Health
Promotion
West Liberty

"Go home and do a lot of sleeping."



Cory Ricketts
Senior
Biology
Hazel Green

"I'm going to study for the MCAT."

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Morehead spreads holiday cheer

CANDICE TUFANO—
STAFF WRITER

The city of Morehead and MSU are collaborating to spread cheer during the holiday season. Rowan County Christmas, Story Book Christmas, and the Rowan County Christmas dinner are among events and programs designed to serve underprivileged families in Rowan County.

Dana Vice helps coordinate Rowan County Christmas. She said the event began in 1993 when Christian Social Services, local businesses, banks, churches, and individuals came together to eliminate the duplication of services during the holiday season by having everyone work together.

Families in the community can apply to participate in the program and attend the Rowan County Christmas event where they can receive food

vouchers as well as toys and books for their children, Vice said.

"The board of directors for Rowan County Christmas is comprised of volunteers from different organizations in town that are on three-year terms," Vice said. "We aren't sponsored by anybody and all of the money for the event comes through donations and fund raising."

Vice said that the program is also open to senior citizens and at this time she anticipates this year's Rowan County Christmas will serve 700 children and 200 seniors.

Rowan County Christmas Dinner usually takes place about two weeks before the actual Rowan County Christmas event, Vice said. Although it targets underprivileged families, this dinner is free and open to the public, and features traditional holiday foods. Volunteers from the community, MSU students and members of Greek or-

ganizations work and serve food at the event. Food not needed at the dinner is taken to inmates at the Rowan County Regional Jail.

The Story Book Christmas program was created by MSU's Adult Learning Center. Eva Henderson, Adult Learning Center coordinator, said Story Book Christmas began in Morehead in 1989 and was designed to promote literacy.

"The Lexington Herald Leader started a project called Story Book Christmas and challenged other communities to do the same," Henderson said. "The Morehead News published an article promoting this project and the Adult Basic Education and Literacy (ABEL) Council took this on and have been doing it ever since."

The ABEL Council collects new books and donations to buy new books that are distributed during Rowan County Christmas so children from disadvan-

tagged families will all get a new book for Christmas, Henderson said.

Henderson said she is pleased with the success of the program this year in spite of the poor economy.

"Cash donations went down slightly, but book donations increased to make up for that," Henderson said. "This year we have, so far, 654 children who will be receiving books. With all the cash and book donations we have gathered 897 books."

Other businesses and organizations on campus and in the community get involved in Story Book Christmas. Coffee Tree Books donated 100 books to the program this year, and the University Book Store dedicates one day to Story Book Christmas every year when they ask for donations to the cause. Students and advisors at the Catholic Newman Center will be helping distribute books on Friday, Henderson said.



Courtney Hastings / The Trail Blazer

Academic Department Specialist Mica Collins places a toy under the Angel Tree in Breckinridge.

New library is bigger and better

AMELIA HOLLIDAY—
STAFF WRITER

Paper, ink, glue, and wood.

These are the smells of a new library. Smells the residents of Rowan County can get a lot of since the opening of the new Rowan County's Public Library on Beacon Hill Drive, just off Flemingsburg Road across from Shoney's.

A construction grant from the Department for Libraries and Archives through the state legislature allocated \$4.2 million in funding for building the new facility, Library Director Helen Williams said.

Williams said a \$95,000 grant from the Paul and Lucille Caudill Little Foundation helped infuse the arts into the library and therefore into the community.

The library opened in late August this year at its new location and seems to be serving patrons well.

"We're thrilled with folks' reactions," Williams said. "They love the building, the spaciousness, the added services, the growth and expansion."

Robert Colpher, a frequent patron of the old library and now of the new one, said, "This place is

much nicer, much bigger. This library has much more to offer."

Another patron, Julie Knipp, said, "I think it's (the new library) laid out a lot better."

The new library brings with it many new opportunities and services the old library did not provide.

Some of these services, Williams said, include a new community room, a conference room, and separate study rooms. The library also offers new self-check-out counters, a drive-through window to pick up reserved books or DVDs, and a curbside book return just down from the drive-through window.

Williams said, "I tell people, even if you're coming in the building, just drive around, put your stuff in the shoot, and don't worry about having to bring it in and hold your purse and the book bag and the books and the kids."

Williams also said the library's new system of using radio frequency ID technology to catalog things in circulation has made the self-check-outs possible, Williams said. Instead of depending on barcodes on the circulation items to ID them, each item has a radio frequency antenna inside it that knows the number that's

assigned to that item only, so it doesn't have to read barcodes.

Williams said the library cards have not been upgraded to that technology yet, so, for now, they still rely on the barcode system.

The number of patrons has increased since the new library has opened, Williams said. In October of 2009, at the old library, just over 8,000 visited the library, Williams said. This past October more than 15,000 people came in and out of the library.

"I'm shocked," Williams said. "All statistical research indicates that when you renovate or build a new public library you can expect a 30-plus percent increase in business. I thought we were so well used at the other building that we just didn't have the potential to have that much of an increase in activity. I was happily wrong."

Williams said she always likes to point out that the library belongs to the people of Rowan County since more than 95 percent of the support the library receives is from community property taxes.

Williams said, "When people say, 'I love your library!,' I say, 'No, this is your library,' because it is."



Thursday, December 9

Claypool Young Art Gallery and the Department of Art and Design host the first annual "Craft Bizarre" at 10 a.m. This is a student-run arts and crafts show. The bizarre will feature student works for sale. The Art Education Club and Honors program will have food for sale, and MSU students will be performing live music. The event is free and open to the public.

Sunday, December 12

The BCM provides free pancakes at 10 p.m.

Free tutoring and refreshments will be available in room 305 of the Camden-Carroll Library at 5 p.m.

December 13-17

Final exams

Monday, December 13

Rowan County Senior High School hosts a concert at Duncan Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m.

MSU hosts the Star Theater Holiday Program at the Space Science Theater at 7 p.m. "Season of Light" will be at 7 p.m. and Laser Holiday will be at 8:15 p.m.

Tuesday, December 14

Nunn Hall provides sand art for residents at 7 p.m.

Mignon Hall provides materials to make snow globes for residents at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 15

MSU hosts a Rites of Passage ceremony. The ceremony will include a dinner, and will be honoring graduating minority students. It will be held in the Crager Room in ADUC at 6 p.m.

Thompson Hall provides cookies in the lobby for residents at 6 p.m.

Butler Hall provides eggnog, cookies, and milk for residents at 6 p.m.

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Thursday, December 16

MSU hosts the Star Theater Holiday Program at the Space Science Theater at 7 p.m. "Season of Light" will be at 7 p.m. and Laser Holiday will be at 8:15 p.m.

Saturday, December 18

MSU will hold Commencement at the Academic-Athletic Center at 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Winter break begins

Monday, December 13-Thursday, December 16

MSU will be hosting finals relief. Activities will include:
-The Camden-Carroll Library is open 24 hours for finals week.
-A 5-minute massage on the second floor of ADUC at noon.
-SPB and the Camden-Carroll Library will provide Stress Free Zones, with activities including puzzles, games, and play dough. Activities will be on the first floor of ADUC and the Library at 9 a.m.
-The BCM will provide free pancakes at 10 p.m.
-Aramark will provide a free email coffee from the Street Side Grill in ADUC at 8 a.m.
-The Tutoring and Learning Center and Camden-Carroll Library will provide drop-in tutoring. Computers and refreshments will also be available. Tutoring will be held in the Camden-Carroll Library in room 201 at 12 p.m., and in room 305 at 4 p.m. It will be held in room 220 in Allie Young at 8 a.m.
-Color therapy will be provided at the Wellness Center.
-The health clinic will be passing out goodie/survival bags.
-Alumni Tower will provide hobbies in the lobby at 7 p.m.
-Cartmel Hall will provide ornament creation and snacks for residents at 6 p.m.

Saturday, December 25

Christmas Day

Saturday, January 1

New Year's Day

Monday, January 10

This is the last day to pay in full or enroll in a payment plan for spring 2011 classes.

Tuesday, January 18

Spring 2011 classes begin



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Rowan County is home to a new library. It offers new self-check-out counters, a drive-through window to pick up reserved books, and a curbside book return.

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SPORTS

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Eagles black out Racers

ZAC VESTRING—
STAFF WRITER

The Morehead State men's basketball team got even Saturday with the Murray State Racers, who knocked the Eagles out of the OVC Championship title last year.

The Eagles 'black out' the Racers 75-65 in an attack led by Kenneth Faried and Demonte Harper, who combined for 43 points in front of more than 4,000 fans dress in black in Johnson Arena.

"I was proud of our guys tonight. I thought we played with a confidence and a swagger that's needed in order to beat a team like Murray State even though it was on our home floor. If you are going to play for a conference championship in this league it is going to go through Murray State," MSU head coach Donnie Tyndall said.

The first half was a back and fourth battle, that ended with Morehead up 31-28 and featured five ties and two lead changes.

The Eagles outshot the Racers 55 to 45 percent in the first half with help from Faried and Harper, who had a combined 20 of MSU's 31 points. Isaac Miles led the Racers with 10 points at the half. Both teams had nine turnovers.

Superior shooting and ball control propelled the Eagles past their rival in the second half.

In the first 10 minutes of the second half the Eagles outscored the Racers 23-12 and built a 54-40 lead, but the Racers wouldn't go down easy. Murray State cut the lead down to 63-58 with less than three minutes to play, but two key 3-pointers by the Eagles, one from Demonte Harper and the other from Terrance Hill, ended any hope Murray State had for making a comeback.

Murray State head coach Billy Kennedy said the final minutes of the first half were the defining point of the game.

"The last four minutes of the first half was the key," Kennedy said. "Isaiah (Canaan) picked up his second foul and our guard play from our bench wasn't very good. From the last five minutes of the

first half to the 10-minute mark in the second half, they outscored us that big."

MSU shot 63 percent in the second half while turning the ball over just five times.

Harper was a man possessed going 9 for 15 with 22 points and was 3 for 4 from 3-point range. Faried recorded his 64th career double-double with 21 points and 10 rebounds.

Murray State's Isaiah Canaan led the Racers with 17 points.

Tyndall said the team needs to build on this win.

"They played extremely hard and they fought right to the bitter end," Tyndall said. "I'm excited about the big win but in the big picture it is just one conference game and we can't enjoy it too much. We need to continue to improve and grow our team."



Clayton Akers / The Trail Blazer

Demonte Harper scored a team-high 22 points in the 75-65 win over the Racers.



Clayton Akers / The Trail Blazer

Faried waves his arms to pump the crowd during the black out game.

Bozeman's hustle steals the show

CLAYTON AKERS—
SPORTS EDITOR

MSU's stifling defense forced 29 Murray State turnovers in the 74-65 win over the Murray State Racers Saturday afternoon at Johnson Arena.

Senior guard Chynna Bozeman, who played all 40 minutes, scored a team-high 21 points and led the defensive attack with a career-high eight steals. As a team the Eagles compiled a season-high 18 steals, mostly in part to their full-court press defense, which seems to fluster the Racers all night long.

"I'm really happy with my defense," Bozeman said. "It's the best it's been I think and eight steals — I don't think I've ever done that before."

"It's the best we've pressed anybody," Bozeman added, "so if we keep this up and move forward from this position it's going to be very hard to break."

Offensively, the Eagles' starting five, led by Bozeman, recorded 71 points. Junior guard Courtney Lumpkin netted a season-high 19 points and nailed three treys, while Linda Dixon was 7-of-10 from the field with 18 points.

The Eagles had trouble finding any consistency on offense against the Racers in the first quarter. Morehead State shot just 28 percent from the field and turned the ball over 16 times.

MSU faced its largest deficit of the game down 27-17 with less than a minute to play in the first half, but the Eagles grabbed a little momentum going into the half when freshman Allie Turner nailed a three pointer from the wing with 25 seconds left to bring the score to 27-20. Then MSU immediately forced a Racers' turnover with its press, which turned into a layup by Dixon to cut the lead to 27-22 going into halftime.

The Eagles continued the momentum to start the second half when Bozeman hit a

three pointer right off the bat to spur a 13-2 run to give MSU a 35-29 lead at about the 15-minute mark.

MSU head coach Tom Hodges said the sequence at the end of the first half and fast start in the second half was a huge swing in the Eagles' favor.

"Defensively, I thought Courtney (Lumpkin) and Linda's (Dixon) up-front pressure really sparked us on the last play of the first half," Hodges said. "Then coming back Chynna got a real big three-point play to start the second half, so that gave us some nice momentum and that allowed us to get into the press and force 29 turnovers."

The Eagles and Racers stayed close throughout the rest of the game, but the Racers would never retake the lead. The closest Murray State would get was at 63-61 with two minutes left, but the Eagles finished the game off at the free-throw line.

In the second half Morehead State outscored the Racers 52-38, shooting 62 percent while turning the ball over just six times.

"I'm proud of the way we took care of the ball in the second half," Hodges said. "We talked about it at halftime. We gave them 20 points — seven points off of offensive rebounds and 13 points off of turnovers. You take those 20 points off at halftime and it's a different ball game."

The Racers were led by forward Kayla Lowe, who had a game-high 23 points and hit four three pointers. Forward Jessica Windfrey recorded a double-double with 11 points and 10 boards.

The Eagles improved to 6-3 overall and 2-0 in the OVC. The Racers fell to 2-6 overall and 0-2 in the OVC. MSU extended its win streak to four games over the Racers.

Morehead State will begin a four-game road trip starting with SIU Edwardsville on Sunday.



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Chynna Bozeman recorded 21 points and had a career-high eight steals in the 74-65 victory over Murray State Saturday at Johnson Arena.

MSU prevails against Patriots

CLAYTON AKERS —
SPORTS EDITOR

The Morehead State men's basketball team was pushed to the limit by the NAIA St. Catharine Patriots, but prevailed to take the win 77-64 Tuesday night at Johnson Arena.

The Eagles won their 19th straight game at home to improve to 6-3 overall, their best start since the 1990-91 season.

The trio of Kenneth Faried, Demonte Harper, and Sam Goodman combined for 62 points.

Faried recorded his 65th double-double with 20 points and 14 rebounds, while Harper kept up his stellar play with a game-high 24 points, for his third 20-point game out of the past four games.

Goodman scored a career-high 18 points, going a perfect 7-for-7 from the field.

As a team the Eagles shot well over 60 percent from the field and scored 48 points in the paint. MSU dominated the boards with a 35-20 advantage over the Patriots.

But from the tip-off the Patriots played toe-to-toe with the Eagles and hung with them for the entire first half trailing 33-27 at halftime.

MSU head coach Donnie Tyndall, who was head coach at St. Catharine in 1996-97, said his team didn't come out and play with the same energy and passion they did against Murray State on Saturday.

"We came out very sluggish and I think

our guys were still feeling good about themselves after the Murray State win, which was disappointing," Tyndall said. "The Murray State game is one game in a very long season and I thought we would handle that win with more maturity than we did, but you have to credit St. Catharine — they played very, very hard. They were tougher and they played harder than us tonight."

Harper said there has to be more consistency in the team's play.

"We need to work on bringing it every single game," Harper said. "Not one game and the next game we don't."

In the first three minutes of the second half the Eagles jumped out with a 7-0 run led by Faried, who scored five points during that span.

Over the next eight minutes St. Catharine went on a 21-12 run to cut the lead to 52-48, but that would be as close as the Patriots would get.

The Eagles would eventually pull away to its largest lead at 71-55 with about three minutes to play in the game.

The Patriots were lead by guard Marquis Lee, who had a team-high 18 points and Brandon Johnson chipped in with 13 points.

Tyndall said there is one thing his team can take from this game.

"Our guys will learn that one game and one win doesn't make a season," Tyndall said.



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Ty Proffitt scored five points against St. Catharine Tuesday night.



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Kenneth Faried recorded a double-double with 20 points and 14 rebounds.



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Sam Goodman scored a career-high 18 points against the St. Catharine Patriots.

The Trail Blazer ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

-Demonte Harper-



Basketball
Position: Guard
Class: Senior
Hometown:
Nashville, Tenn.

Senior Demonte Harper had an amazing performance over the weekend, leading the Eagles with 22 points in the huge win over OVC rival Murray State Saturday at Johnson Arena.

Tuesday night Harper led the Eagles in scoring again with 24 points in the 77-64 victory over the St. Catharine Patriots.

SIDELINES

Bengals generate misery

ZAC VESTRING —
STAFF WRITER

Disappointment. That one word describes how the entire Bengals' fan base feels about this season — including me. For Cincinnati fans it has become a familiar sight to see so much hype for this team only to be disappointed year after year. I just don't understand how a team who swept and won their division just a year ago can be so inconsistent in how they play this year. From 10-6 last year to 2-9 now, that is just unacceptable.

There are no excuses as to why the Bengals are so bad this year. They did not lose any significant players to injury or trade and they primar-

ily have the same coaching staff. Cincinnati even upgraded in the wide receiver department with Terrell Owens, who is arguably having one of his best seasons in a long time. So why are they so bad?

The worst part about watching the Bengals play is the fact that they actually gave us hope during the game then crush our hearts by providing us with misery of watching them find new and entertaining ways to lose.

I chalk this year up to horrible play calling, bad coaching, and unmotivated players who are more interested in their Twitter accounts and their television shows than they are in winning games.

Life must be easy as a Bengals

coach. No matter how many bad calls you make, no matter how bad your record is owner Mike Brown will never fire you. Sign me up for that job!

Alas, as a Bengals fan I have learned to master the short-term memory. Each week I will sit in front of my television and watch in horror and disbelief as my Bengals make a mockery of themselves again.

Stay strong Bengal nation — all six of you who are still watching. We will soon have hope here in Cincinnati again. His name is Joey Votto and Reds baseball is coming soon! At least we have that to look forward to.

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